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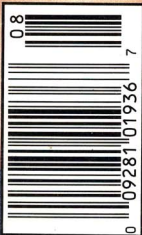
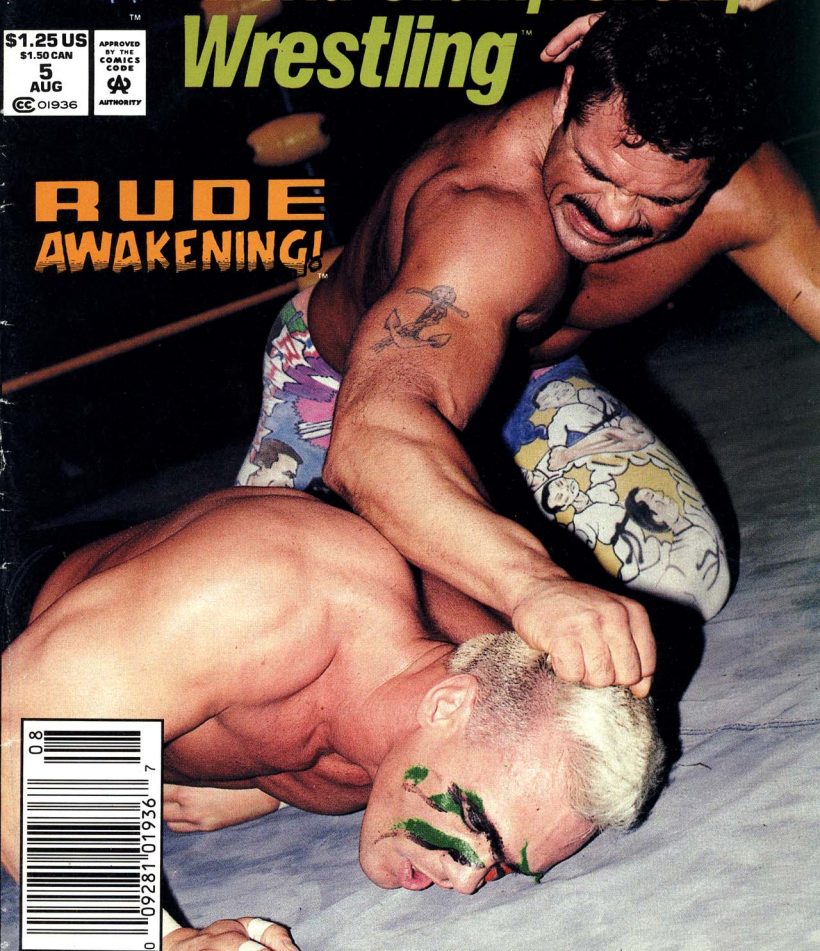
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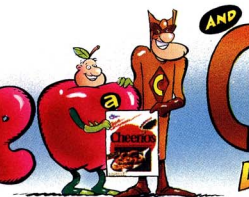
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RUDE AWAKENING!



THE ADVENTURES OF

APPLE



CINNAMAN

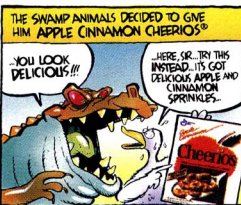
DEFENDERS OF THE SPRINKLES

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T IRED OF BEING CHASED BY THE HUNGRY ALLIGATOR...

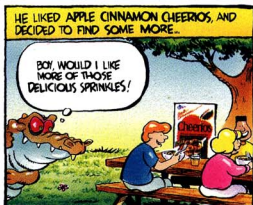
...GET BACK HERE! I'M HUNGRY!



THE SWAMP ANIMALS DECIDED TO GIVE HIM APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS®

...YOU LOOK DELICIOUS!!!

...HERE, SR...TRY THIS INSTEAD...IT'S GOT DELICIOUS APPLE AND CINNAMON SPRINKLES.



HE LIKED APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS, AND DECIDED TO FIND SOME MORE.

BOY, WOULD I LIKE MORE OF THOSE DELICIOUS SPRINKLES!



IN FACT, HE LIKED THE SPRINKLES SO MUCH HE DECIDED TO MAKE A CAREER OF EATING THEM

...FROM NOW ON, CALL ME SPRINGLEGATOR!



GIMME THOSE SPRINKLES!

IT'D BETTER CALL APPLE AND CINNAMAN!

HOLY REPTILES!

Worst Radio

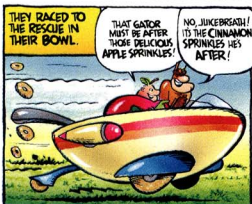


AND SO, APPLE AND CINNAMAN, THE HEROES WHO DEFEND THE SPRINKLES, WERE CALLED...

HELP! A GATOR AFTER OUR SPRINKLES!

OH, MY GOSH! IT'S ALIVE!

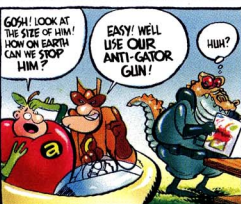
IT'S A RADIO, SEEDBRAIN! NOW, CMON! LET'S SAVE THE SPRINKLES!



THEY RACED TO THE RESCUE IN THEIR BOAT.

THAT GATOR MUST BE AFTER THOSE DELICIOUS APPLE SPRINKLES!

NO JUKEBREATH! IT'S THE CINNAMON SPRINKLES HE'S AFTER!



GOSH! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HIM! HOW ON EARTH CAN WE STOP HIM?

EASY! WE'LL USE OUR ANTI-GATOR GUN!

HUH?



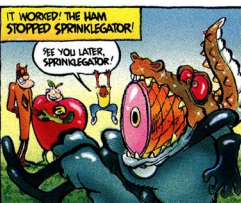
LET'S SEE...ANTI-ZEBRA GUN...ANTI-WALKIES GUN...I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE ANTI-GATOR GUN!

MMMM! BIG APPLE AND CINNAMON SPRINKLES!

UH, CINNAMAN.



GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO USE THIS LEFTOVER HAM!



IT WORKED! THE HAM STOPPED SPRINGLEGATOR!

SEE YOU LATER, SPRINGLEGATOR!



AND ONCE AGAIN, APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS WAS PART OF A GOOD BREAKFAST!

IT'S APPLICIOUS!

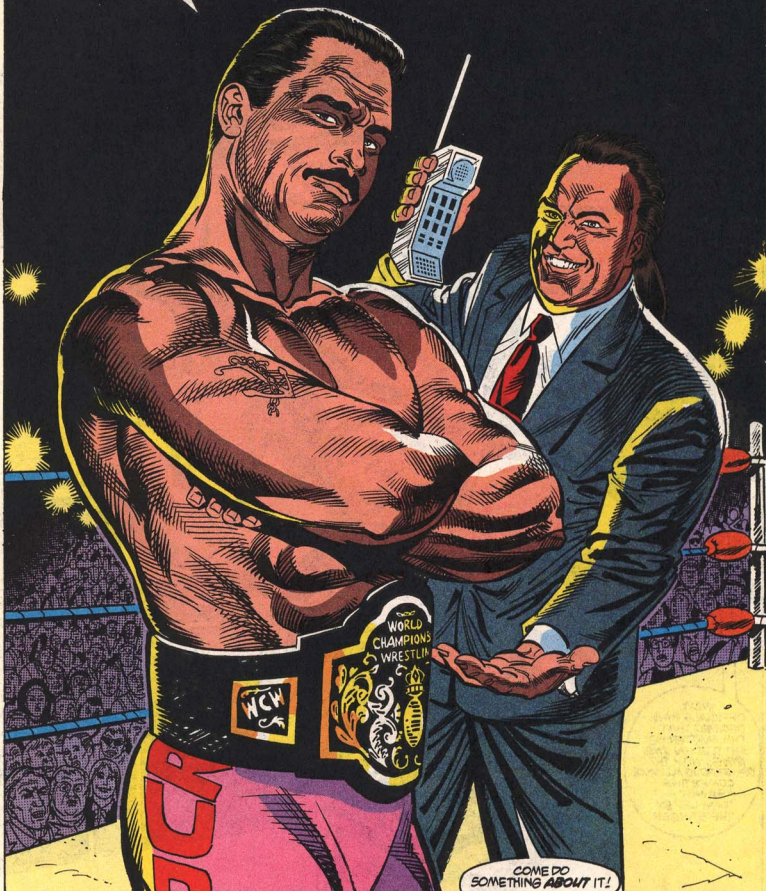
AND CINNAMINCREDIBLE!

WE SAID WE'D DO IT--AND
WE DID IT!

SO GET ON YOUR
FEET, HUMANIDS--AND
PAY THE PROPER RESPECT FOR
THE NEW WCW WORLD'S
CHAMPION--

-- RAVISHING
RICK RUDE!

THAT'S
RIGHT, STING!
I'VE GOT THE BELT
NOW, YOU DON'T
LIKE IT?



COME DO
SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

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MISSY HYATT HERE, FANS, THOSE WORDS FROM **RAMSHING RICK** AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE **DANGEROUS ALLIANCE**, **PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY**.

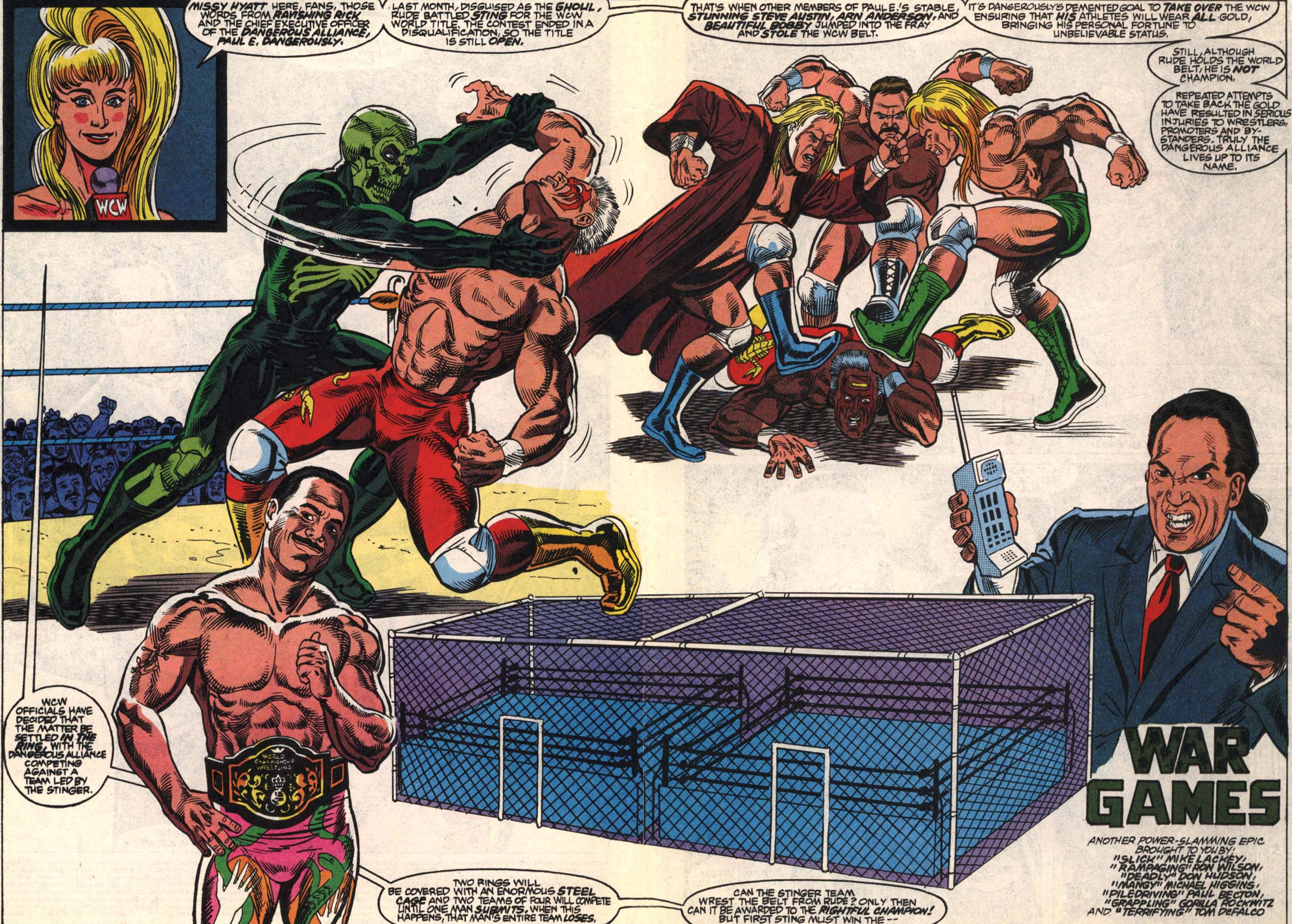
LAST MONTH, DISGUISED AS THE **GHOUL**, RUDE BATTLED **STING** FOR THE WCW WORLD TITLE. THE CONTEST ENDED IN A DISQUALIFICATION, SO THE TITLE IS STILL OPEN.

THAT'S WHEN OTHER MEMBERS OF **PAULE'S STABLE**, **STUNNING STEVE AUSTIN**, **ARN ANDERSON**, AND **BEAUTIFUL BOBBY** JUMPED INTO THE FRAY AND **STOLE THE WCW BELT**.

IT'S **DANGEROUSLY'S** DEMENTED GOAL TO **TAKE OVER THE WCW**, ENSURING THAT **HIS** ATHLETES WILL WEAR **ALL GOLD**, BRINGING HIS PERSONAL FORTUNE TO UNBELIEVABLE STATUS.

STILL, ALTHOUGH RUDE HOLDS THE WORLD BELT, HE IS **NOT** CHAMPION.

REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO TAKE BACK THE GOLD HAVE RESULTED IN SERIOUS INJURIES TO WRESTLERS, PROMOTERS AND BY-STANDERS. TRULY THE **DANGEROUS ALLIANCE** LIVES UP TO ITS NAME.



WCW OFFICIALS HAVE DECIDED THAT THE MATTER BE SETTLED IN THE **RING**, WITH THE **DANGEROUS ALLIANCE** COMPETING AGAINST A TEAM LED BY THE **STINGER**.

TWO RINGS WILL BE COVERED WITH AN ENORMOUS **STEEL CAGE** AND TWO TEAMS OF FOUR WILL COMPETE UNTIL ONE MAN **SUBMITS**. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, THAT MAN'S ENTIRE TEAM **LOSES**.

CAN THE **STINGER TEAM** WREST THE BELT FROM RUDE? ONLY THEN CAN IT BE AWARDED TO THE **RIGHTFUL CHAMPION!** BUT FIRST **STING** MUST WIN THE --

WAR GAMES

ANOTHER POWER-SLAMMING EPIC BROUGHT TO YOU BY:
"SLICK" MIKE LACKEY,
"RAMPAGING" RON WILSON,
"DEADLY" DON HUDSON,
"MANGY" MICHAEL HIGGINS,
"PILEDRIVING" PAUL BECTON,
"GRAPPLING" GORILLA ROCKWITZ
 AND **"TERRIFYING" TOM DEFALCO**

THIS IS GONNA BE EASY, THE "STINGER SQUAD?" DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

WE ACTUALLY GET PAID TO DESTROY THE STEINER BROS. AND Z-MAN? I'D DO IT FOR FREE!

DON'T GET TOO USED TO THOSE CHAMPIONSHIP BELTS, STEINER-BOYS. THEY'LL BE OURS SOON ENOUGH!

YOU HAD THE CHANCE, STING --AND YOU BLEW IT!



LIKE ANY SUCCESSFUL CORPORATION, WE'VE GOT ALL THE BASES COVERED! PERFECTION OF STUNNING STEVE AUSTIN, THE STRENGTH OF THE DOUBLE AARN ANDERSON, THE SPEED OF BEAUTIFUL BOBBY EATON.

COMBINE THAT, WITH THE PHYSIQUE OF RAVISHING RICK AND MY GENIUS, YOU GET AN UNBEATABLE COMBINATION!



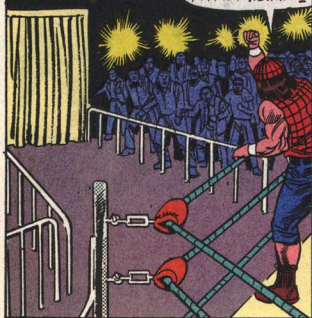
JIM ROSS, HERE.

I'M JOINED BY THE TAYLOR MADE MAN.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAVE TO SIT NEXT TO SOMEONE AS POORLY DRESSED AS YOU, ROSS.

NOW IN THE RING IS BIG JOSH!

C'MON OUT! I AIN'T AFRAID! A NOTHIN'!



TOO BAD FOR YOU, BIG JOSH!

NOW CACTUS JACK HAS TO MAKE YOU AFRAID!

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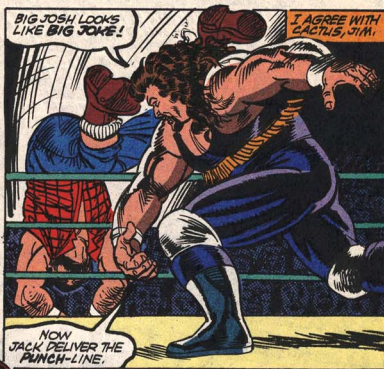
NOW THAT YOU KNOW HOW COOL
THESE CARDS ARE, THE LAST THING
YOU NEED IS FOR SOME KID FROM
DOWN THE STREET TO BEAT YOU TO
'EM. BE BIGGER. BE BETTER. BE FIRST.

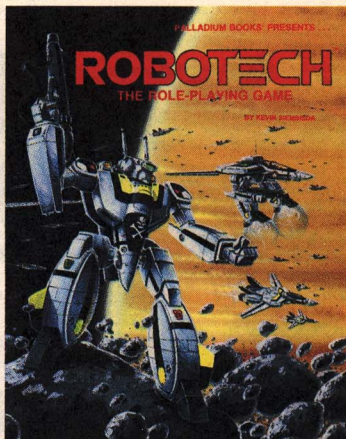
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BIG JOSH IS UNCONSCIOUS OUTSIDE THE RING... AND CACTUS JACK WINS AS A RESULT OF A COUNT OUT!

GOOD! BIG JOSH IS NOTHIN' BUT A FLANNEL WEARIN', GUM-CHWIN', AXE HANDLE TOTIN' 'CAUSE HE CAN'T WRESTLE, LOG ROLLIN', SKI CAP TO HIDE HIS BALD SPOT, BACK WOODS FOOL.

DON'T HOLD BACK, TERENCE. LET'S GO TO MISS HYATT WITH HER SPECIAL GUEST.

LADIES AND GENTS--
HEAVY METAL VAN HAMMER!

HOWDY
HEADBANGERS!
IT'S HAMMER
TIME!

WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON
OUR NEWEST GRAPPLER,
PUNCH FRESH?

I CAN'T THINK
ABOUT HIM
AT ALL!

THAT'S A
SURPRISE!

SHHHH!

BUT, HAMMER-MAN,
HE'S THE BIGGEST,
BADDEST RAPPER
IN NOW!

THE LADY BE RIGHT!
THERE'S GONNA BE A FIGHT!

VAN HAMMER'S GOIN' DOWN.

'CUZ HE'S A HEAVY METAL CLOWN.

THIS DOESN'T
LOOK GOOD.



MY NAME IS PUNCH FRESH
AND I HATE DIS SITUATION.
BUT ONCE I SQUASH VAN HAMMER
I BE FILLED WIT JUBILATION!

WELL BLONDIE MIGHT BE MAD CUZ
HE'S NEVER KNOWN CUPID,
BUT DAT BE CUZ HE'S UGLY
AS HE IS BIG AND STUPID.



NOW I'LL LET VAN HAMMER
GO AN' I SHALL WIT HIS BOYS
SO DEY CAN PLAY DAT ROTTEN MUSIC
DAT I CALL HEAVY METAL NOISE!

DO SOME-
THING, HAMMER.

LET
HIM TALK.



HEY, MAN! YOU CAN
INSULT ME, BUT NOT
MY MUSIC.

WHY DON'T YOU GO AN'
LISTEN TO THAT LOUSY DRECK,
AND THEN WHILE YOU'RE AT IT
SWING DAT GEETAR AROUND YOUR NECK.



THANK GOODNESS
HE'S LEAVING!

DON'T BE A
JERK, JIM.

MY GRANNY RAPS BETTER
THAN YOU.



UH-OH!

SMACKT

FORGET THIS!

I WAS GONNA LET YOU SLIDE WITH A LAUGH AND A BUFFAW, BUT NOW THAT I BEEN DISSED, YOU GET A BOOT TO THE JAW!

COULDN'T YOU WATCH THIS ALL DAY, JIM?

NO.

I TOLD DE PRETTY BOY THE WAY DE WIND BLOWS AND NOW HE'S GOTTA LIVE WIT A BUSTED LIP NOSE!

NOW BIG DUMB VAN HAMMER ENDS UP LIKE ALL THE REST! NURSIN' A BUSTED HONKER COURTESY OF PUNCH FRESH!!

AWFUL, JUST AWFUL.

I AGREE.

VAN HAMMER HAS SOME NERVE ATTACKING PUNCH FRESH LIKE THAT!



LET'S GO TO THE STINGER SQUAD FOR COMMENTS.

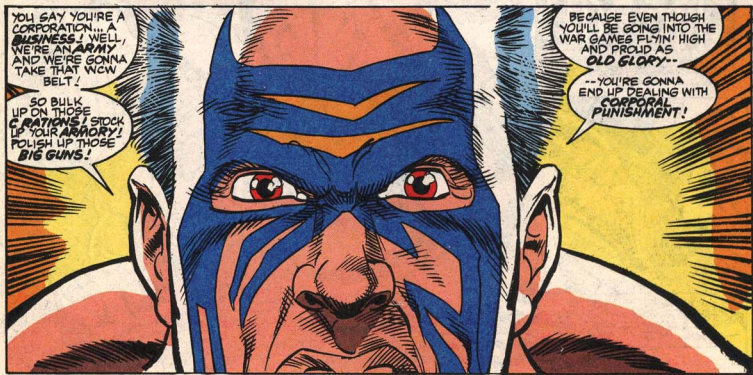
LISTEN UP, DANGEROUSLY! THIS WAR IS NO GAME TO US!

WE'VE FORMED OUR OWN SPECIAL FORCES TO ACCEPT YOUR DECLARATION OF WAR.

I HOPE YOU'VE MARKED D-DAY ON YOUR CALENDAR, RUDE... BECAUSE MY STINGERS ARE GONNA COME DOWN ON YOU LIKE AN ATOMIC BOMB!

SURE YOU'RE RING VETERANS, BUT YOU DON'T SCARE US.

THIS WON'T BE ANY CIVIL WAR, FELLAS. I PREDICT AN UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER FROM THE DANGEROUS ALLIANCE.



YOU SAY YOU'RE A CORPORATION... A BUSINESS! WELL, WE'RE AN ARMY, AND WE'RE GONNA TAKE THAT WCW BELT!

SO BULK UP ON THOSE CRATONS! STOCK UP YOUR ARMOURY! POLISH UP THOSE BIG GUNS!

BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH YOU'LL BE GOING INTO THE WAR GAMES FLYIN' HIGH AND PROUD A OLD GLORY--

--YOU'RE GONNA END UP DEALING WITH CORPORAL PUNISHMENT!

TIME TO EARN
OUR MONEY.

RUDE HAS THE
STOLEN BELT,
TERRENCE.

GET OFF IT, ROSS.
POSSESSION IS
NINE-TENTHS
OF THE LAW.

WHATEVER
THAT MEANS.

THAT MEANS THE
BELT BELONGS TO
RAVISHING RICK.

WHAT A
GREAT LOOKING TEAM.
ROSS, DEFINITELY TAYLOR
MADE!

THEY'D BETTER BE!
THIS CONTEST RELIES UPON
TEAMWORK. THIS IS A
SUBMISSION MATCH—
WHEN ONE MAN SUB-
MITS, THE WHOLE
TEAM LOSES!

NOW WHERE'S
THE STINGER SQUAD?
I HAVEN'T GOT ALL
NIGHT!

HERE'S THE
Z-MAN! FINALLY
A WRESTLER TO BE
PROUD OF!

YOU NOTICE
MR. EGO NEEDS
HIS OWN INTRO!
AT LEAST RUDE'S
MEN ENTERED AS
A TEAM!

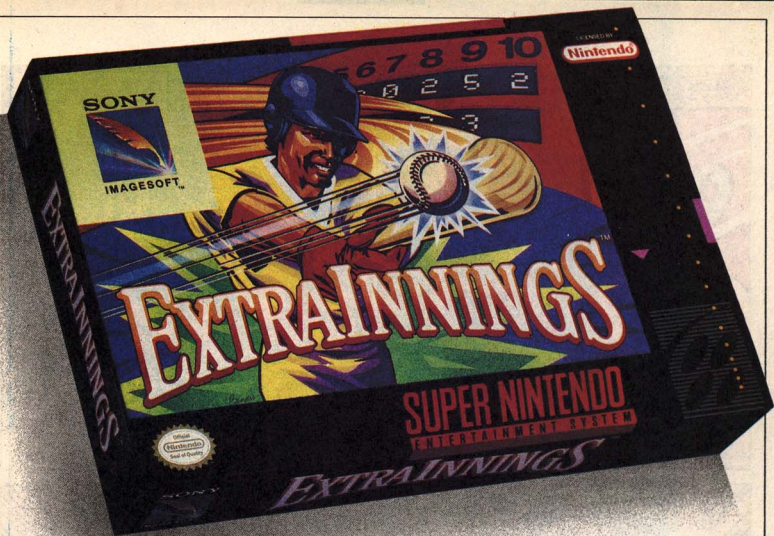
GRAB
HIM!

HAAAAA!!

NOW HE GETS WHAT HE
DESERVES! WAR GAMES
IS A TEAM COMPETITION!
YOU ENTER AS A TEAM!!

DISGUSTING!

SMART! IF Z-MAN
SUBMITS, RUDE'S
TEAM WINS!



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Bases loaded, full-count

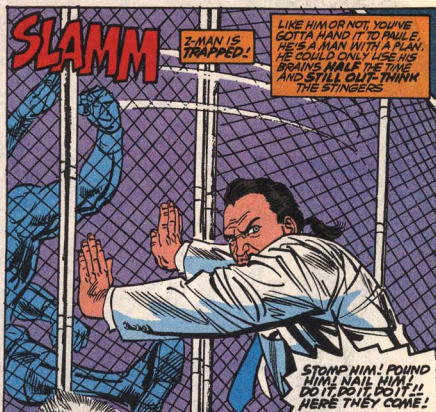


Pop fly to left field



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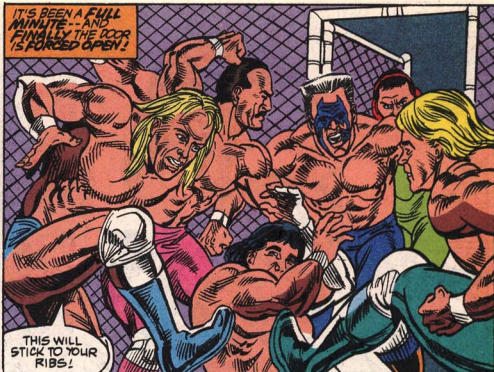
PRECIOUS SECONDS ARE TICKING AWAY AS STING TRIES TO FORCE OPEN THE CAGE DOOR.



HANG ON, Z-MAN! WE'RE COMING!

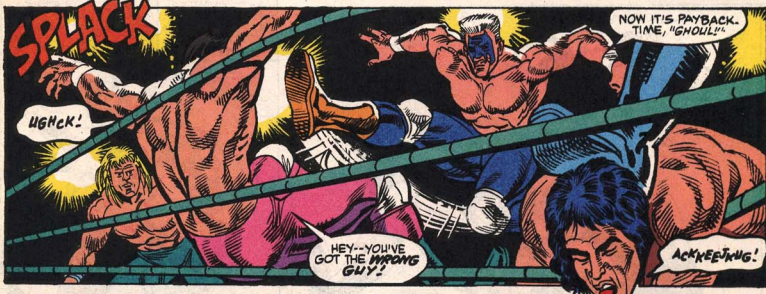
WHERE'S THE KEY? WHO'S GOT THE KEY?

IT'S BEEN A FULL MINUTE--AND FINALLY THE DOOR IS FORCED OPEN!



THIS WILL STICK TO YOUR RIBS!

SPLACK

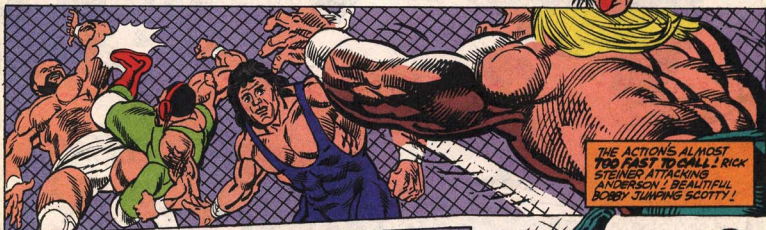


UGNCK!

NOW IT'S PAYBACK TIME, "GHOUL"!

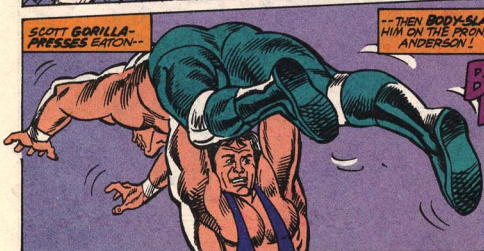
HEY--YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG GUY!

ACKKEE'ING!



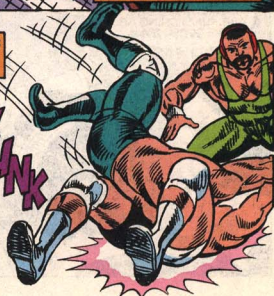
THE ACTION'S ALMOST TOO FAST TO CALL! RICK STEINER ATTACKING ANDERSON! BEAUTIFUL BOBBY JUMPING SCOTTY!

SCOTT GORILLA--PRESSES EATON--



--THEN BODY-SLAMMS HIM ON THE PRONE ANDERSON!

BWUNK



WHO IS PAUL F.
TALKING WITH?

DUMP ALL
THE S.I. STOCK!
GO HEAVY ON
STANE! DO IT!
DO IT! DO IT!

RUDE'S IN
TROUBLE!

HEY--
LEMMIE
GO!!

YOU WANT DOWN,
RUDE?

YEAARGH!

YOU
GOT
IT!

BUT EATON
ATTACKS WITH
A KNEE, PRE-
VENTING THE
FOLLOW-UP!

EVERY TIME A STINGER
GETS AN UPPER HAND,
RUDE'S MEN MAKE IT
IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM
TO PRESS THE ADVANTAGE.

A SPINE-BUSTING
ATOMIC DROP!
RUDE WILL FEEL
THAT IN THE
MORNING.

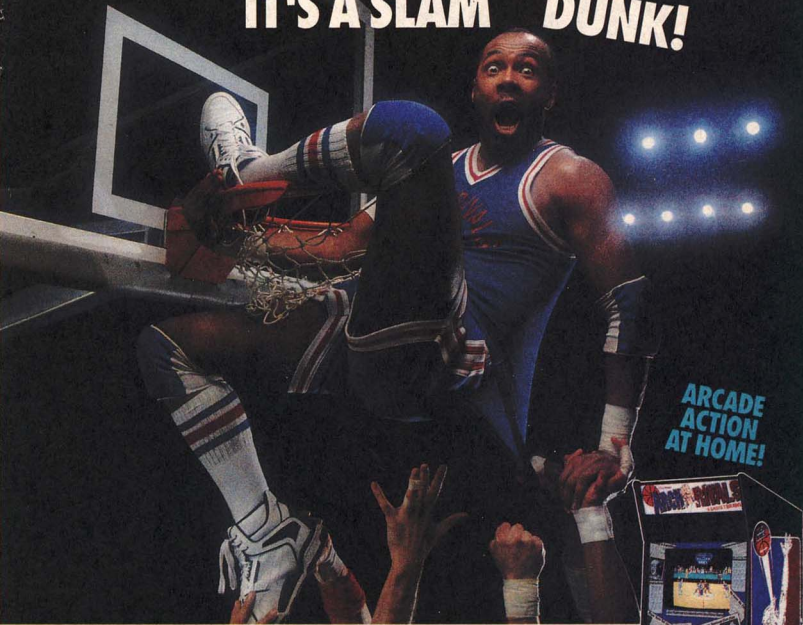
AND QUITE
FRANKLY, RUDE'S MEN
ARE FUNCTIONING AS
THE BETTER TEAM.

THE KNEE!
GET THE
KNEE!

THWUMP
THWUMP
THWUMP

BASKET-BRAWL!

IT'S A SLAM DUNK!



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THE STEINERS TEAM
UP ON ANDERSON!

DANGEROUSLY IS
FRANTIC! THIS
MOVE WILL **BREAK**
YOUR NECK!



DDT FROM
THE TOP ROPE!

SHOW HIM HOW DUMB
THE STEINERS ARE,
JIM! HOW CAN A MAN
SUBMIT IF YOU
KNOCK HIM OUT?!



THAT'S CORRECT! PINFALLS
MEAN NOTHING HERE—
WAIT! WHAT KIND OF
CHICANERY IS THIS?

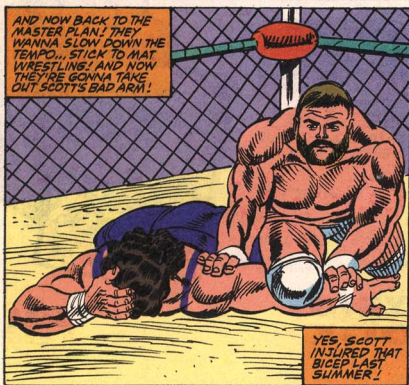
IT'S A PHONE CALL FOR
RHODE! HE'S GONNA
REACH OUT AND **TOUCH**
SOMEONE!

THEY CAN'T
WIN! THEY
WON'T WIN! WE'RE
THE DANGEROUS
ALLIANCE!



OH MY!

HE SURE BROKE UP
THAT CONNECTION!



AND NOW BACK TO THE
MASTER PLAN! THEY
WANNA SLOW DOWN THE
TEMPO... STICK TO MAT
WRESTLING! AND NOW
THEY'RE GONNA TAKE
OUT SCOTT'S BAD ARM!

YES, SCOTT
INJURED THAT
BICEP LAST
SUMMER!



AND HERE COMES THE
ALABAMA JAM!

IF EATON HITS
THE MARK, SCOTT
STEINER'S CAREER
COULD BE OVER!

CRUNCH



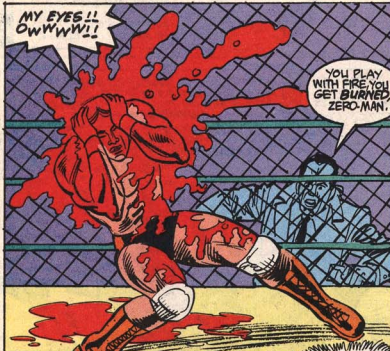
DIRECT HIT!
BUT WHY'D YOU
CUT AWAY? A
LOT OF VIEWERS
WANNA SEE
THAT!

NOW I GOTCHA,
BABY!

GUESS
AGAIN, STUPID!



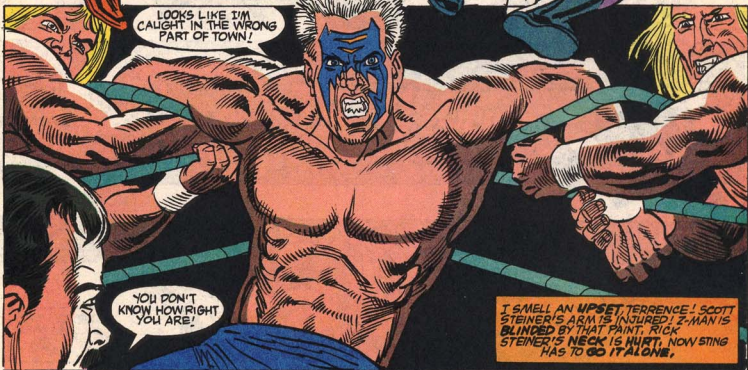
MY EYES!!
OWWWW!!



YOU PLAY
WITH FIRE YOU
GET BURNED,
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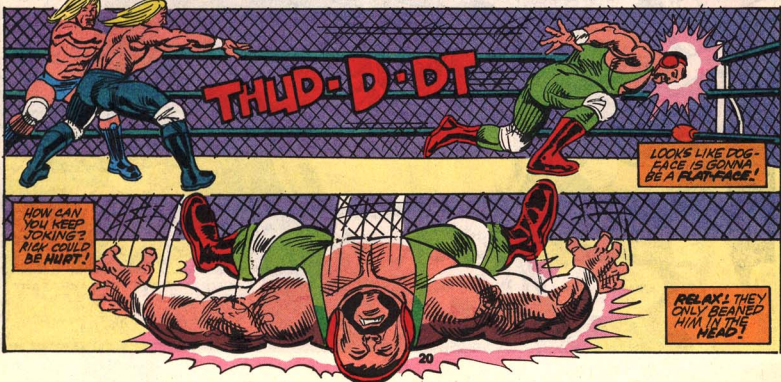
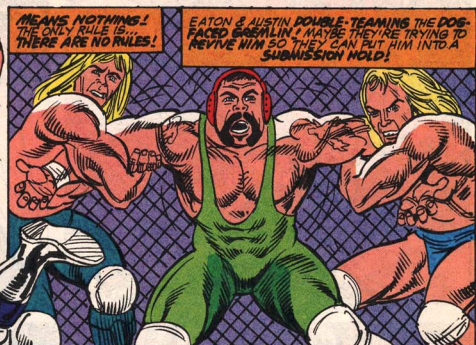
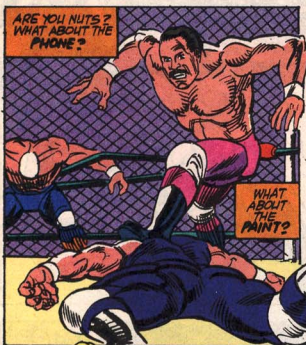
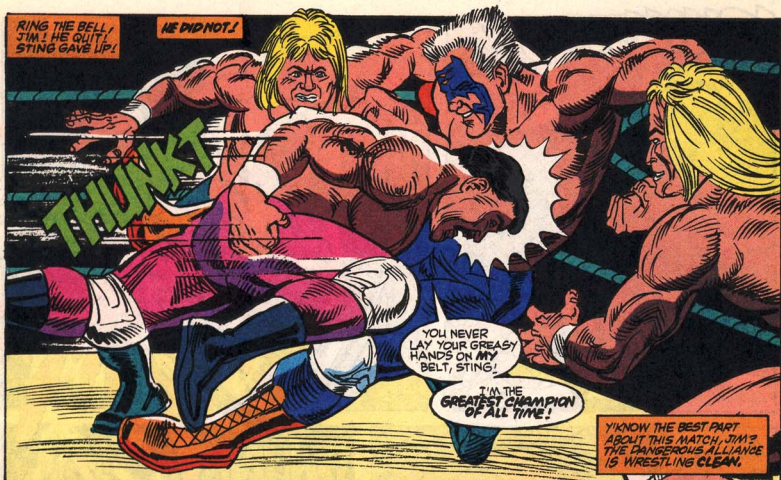
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SHEEP FOR HOURS!



LOOKS LIKE I'M
CAUGHT IN THE WRONG
PART OF TOWN!

YOU DON'T
KNOW HOW RIGHT
YOU ARE!

I SMELL AN UPSET, TERRENCE! SCOTT
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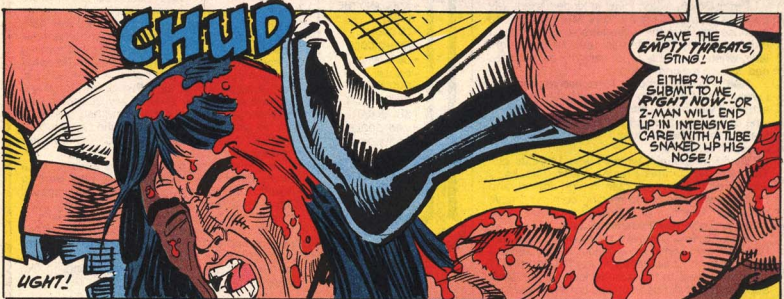
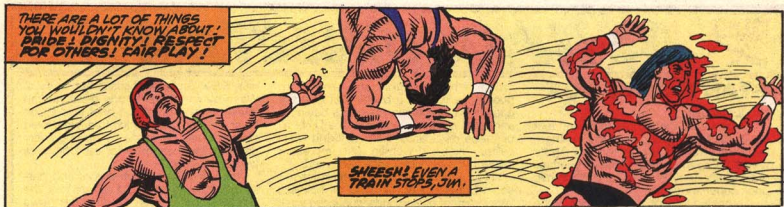
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There I was, thirty-three thousand feet above the Earth, jetting back to Los Angeles after a recent trip to the Big Apple where I'd been visiting Marvel's peerless prez, Merry Terry Stewart, and his comic book commandos.

Thumbing through a newspaper as the plane zoomed along, I couldn't help but notice how depressing many of the items were. There was column after column of crime, violence, racism and despair. The more I read, the more my thoughts kept drifting back to the Marvel bullpen. Then, something occurred to me which I'd like to share with you.

In many ways the gang at Marvel is not unlike the United Nations. We have

artists, writers, editors and production people, as well as a bright staff of managers who handle our countless business and legal matters. And, like the U.N., all of these dedicated, hard-working Marvelites, men and women alike, represent just about every color, race and creed.

Now here's the point, which I can't seem to get out of my mind. If Marvel's little legion of diverse individuals can work together in harmony and friendship the way they do, respecting each other's rights, cooperating and helping one another as they work towards a common goal, then why can't the nations of the world do the same thing? Why can't the inhabitants of our cities and towns behave towards each other in the same way? Why can't people everywhere adopt a philosophy similar to that of our

own Silver Surfer, a philosophy that says: We're all members of one great human family, sharing an all-too-brief sojourn on an enchanted planet; therefore, we should celebrate the gift of life by making every golden minute as joyful for each other as we possibly can.

It's a simple enough credo, and perhaps if more of us would adhere to it, the day will come when reading the news won't be such a grim and somber experience. And wouldn't it be nice to think that a comic book company helped to show the way?

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Stan Lee

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here were you in June '62?

No, we're not advertising an old George Lucas movie — we're celebrating the 30th anniversary of the **Amazing Spider-Man!** We thought it would be a lark, a hoot, a kick, if you will, to approach the great Spider-Man writers and artists from over the years and ask them what they were doing back when Spidey was first hatched out of the fertile brains of **Stan Lee and Steve Ditko**. Here's what they had to say.

John Romita, penciler: I was over at DC doing romance books. I was unaware of Spider-Man and the Fantastic Four. I had no idea that a phenomenon was occurring.

Ross Andru, penciler: I can't remember that far back. It's all a blur. It's like looking out the window of a fast train. I do know that whatever I was doing then, I must have been happy.

Erik Larsen, writer-artist: I was waiting to be born.

John Romita, Jr., penciler: I was five years old. I remember beginning to doodle because I saw my father drawing. I remember playing a lot of stickball. I heard my first Beatles song, and I lost my dog Poochie.

Sal Buscema, artist: I was in New York, living in Queens, with my wife of about a little over a year. I was working for an advertising art studio by the name of Alexander Chait Studios Inc.

Mark Bagley, penciler: I was five years old. I was an army brat. I picked up on comics when I was eight or nine years old. Gil Kane's SPIDER-MAN stuff always appealed to me — it was a major influence on me.

Ron Frenz, penciler: I was doing whatever two-year olds do. Probably already drawing.

Peter David, writer: I was in kindergarten. My parents wouldn't let me buy Marvel Comics because they said the characters were too ugly. I didn't read my first Marvels until several years later, when I was able to a) earn my own money, and b) hide my comic books.

Keith Pollard, penciler: I was twelve years old. I was a comic book fan. I was probably in middle school. I was heavily into Superman and Batman. One of my best friends introduced me to Spider-Man. I think the first one I saw was the fourth issue, with Doc Ock.

David Michelinie, writer: I was 14 years old. That was the summer I gave up comic books. I was going to be a freshman in high school, and I felt that was too old to reading comics. I gave away my collection of 500 comics, which today would probably pay the national debt.

Alex Saviuk, penciler: I was nine years old. I was an avid comic book reader at that time. I didn't hear about Spider-Man until the end of that summer. I went to the store to look for the latest *Superman* and *Batman* comics, but there were no

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new DCs that week. I had 25 or 30 extra cents, and a friend convinced me to buy **FANTASTIC FOUR #18** and **SPIDER-MAN #5**.

J.M. DeMatteis, writer: I was eight and a half years old, living in an apartment in Brooklyn, either reading comics or running around in the street with my friends. I was a die-hard DC fan, so I was probably reading *Justice League* or *Green Lantern* at the time. I didn't discover Marvel until later. I was a slow learner!

Mary Wolfman, writer: I was in the High School of Art and Design in Manhattan. I was trying to become a cartoonist. I was a regular reader of **AMAZING ADULT FANTASY**. I read all the issues. When #15 came out, it was a shock. I was very disappointed because I liked the "O' Henry/Twilight Zone" type of stories that Stan and Steve were doing. I didn't want to see yet another super hero. But I read it, and I really liked it.

Len Wein, writer: I was a big comics fan. I was in junior high. I picked up any issue of **AMAZING ADULT FANTASY**. I picked up the first Spider-Man. I had a complete set of Silver Age Marvels. I almost did not buy FF #1. I used to stand in the store and stare at that logo — I thought it was a funny animal comic!

Jim Mooney, inker: I had a studio in Hollywood, California. I was working at DC, doing *Supergirl*, and any other comics they asked me to do. About a year later, somebody showed me **Ditko's SPIDER-MAN**, and I was jealous!

Danny Fingeroth, editor: I was a camper at Camp Winado. I had the biggest comic book collection there!

Tom DeFalco, writer/editor: I was twelve years old, and already a died-in-the-wool Marvel fan. I bought **AMAZING FANTASY #15** when it first came out. I had been a Marvel fan since FF #3. At that time, my greatest considerations were lunch, comics, and summer vacations.

Mike Esposito, inker: I remember I was definitely aware of Spider-Man when the character came out. Back in '62, my daughter was reading an issue of **SPIDER-MAN**, and I asked her what it was. I had never heard of it. I glanced at it, and I thought it was so different from anything we were doing over at DC. My daughter said she liked Spider-Man because he had problems with his girlfriend and school — she could identify with it. And I thought, "My God — (Stan) Lee's got a winner!"

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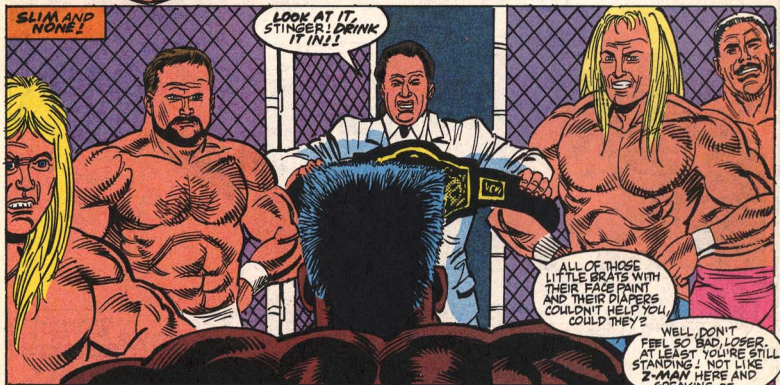
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IT!



YES! YES!! I
WIN AGAIN!

WHAT CHANCE DO
WE HAVE OF
LIBERATING THE
WCW BELT NOW!

TWO!



SLIM AND
NONE!

LOOK AT IT,
STINGER! DRINK
IT IN!!

ALL OF THOSE
LITTLE BRATS WITH
THEIR FACE PAINT
AND THEIR DIAPERS
COULDN'T HELP YOU,
COULD THEY?

WELL, DON'T
FEEL SO BAD LOSER.
AT LEAST YOU'RE STILL
STANDING! NOT LIKE
Z-MAN HERE AND
SPEAKING OF--



-- HERE'S ONE TO
GROW ON!!

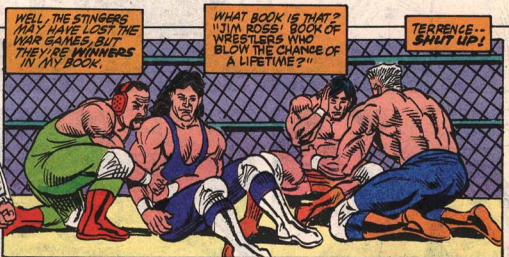
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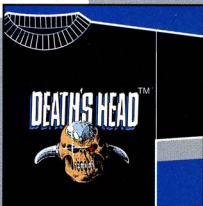
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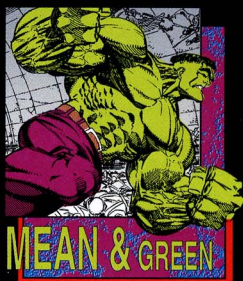
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